



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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IN REPLY REFER TO

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY CLASS DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS AUTHORITY TO ISSUE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS

Upon the basis of the findings and determinations hereby made pursuant to the authority of the Economy Act (31 U.S.C. 1535) the class of orders may be issued as described below. This class determination expires on 31 December 2003.

FINDINGS

1. The Department of the Navy proposes to issue a class of interagency agreements for publications, information retrieval supplies and services and related training to be obtained via the Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK) of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC), Library of Congress. This action does not conflict with any other agency's authority or responsibility. The value of the requirement is approximately \$7-9M annually.
2. Legal authority for this acquisition otherwise exists.
3. Consistent with FAR 6.002, this action is not being entered into with another agency for the purpose of avoiding competition.
4. This action is in the best interest of the Government because:
 - a. It is more convenient and cheaper to obtain these services from FEDLINK than by going directly to a private contractor. Because FEDLINK is a volume purchaser of services and publications for all federal libraries and information centers, it obtains prices lower than those available to individual Navy libraries and information centers acting as independent units. Due to economies of scale, FEDLINK is able to issue orders, make payments to contractors, and provide technical assistance to library managers at a lower cost than any of the Navy activities using this service could otherwise obtain for themselves. FEDLINK is more convenient because the ordering and administration process is simpler than contracting, and because FEDLINK offers a more comprehensive range of publications and information retrieval services than is available from other suppliers. The bibliographic utilities offer access and services only through a library network, and FEDLINK is the established network for federal and military libraries.
 - b. FEDLINK's function is to provide information retrieval services and centralized buying for federal libraries. FEDLINK has specialized experience and technical

expertise in the acquisition of information services which are not available within DOD; and,

- c. Publications and information retrieval services and supplies are clearly within the scope and are essential to the activities of the Library of Congress, and the Library of Congress routinely contracts for such supplies and services for itself.
5. By memorandum dated 28 July 1994, Dr. Louis R. Mortimer, FLICC Executive Director, assured ASN (RD&A) that FEDLINK will comply with all applicable laws and regulations and will perform the necessary administration.
6. FEDLINK is a funds recovery operation and is not receiving any fees in excess of the actual or estimated costs of issuing and administering orders for the Navy's requirements.

DETERMINATION

Based on the information provided above, the supplies/services requested:

1. Cannot be performed as conveniently or more economically by contracting directly with private contractors;
2. FEDLINK has unique expertise and ability not available within DOD;
3. The required services and supplies clearly are within the scope and mission of FEDLINK, and the Library of Congress (its parent organization) routinely contracts for these supplies and services for itself.

It is therefore in the best interest of the Navy to obtain this class of supplies and services via FEDLINK under the Economy Act.

9/16/98
Date

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REQUIRING OFFICIAL

Reviewed.
8/21/98
Date

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CONTRACTING OFFICER

1 Sept 98
Date

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LEGAL COUNSEL

Approved:

12/10/98

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Acting ASN (RDA)

CONDITION: The Librarian of the Navy will continue to monitor usage and ensure that users expending more than \$100,000 annually, or buying large quantities of the same item, review their requirements periodically with the cognizant contracting officer to ensure that FEDLINK continues to be more cost-effective than direct contracting.